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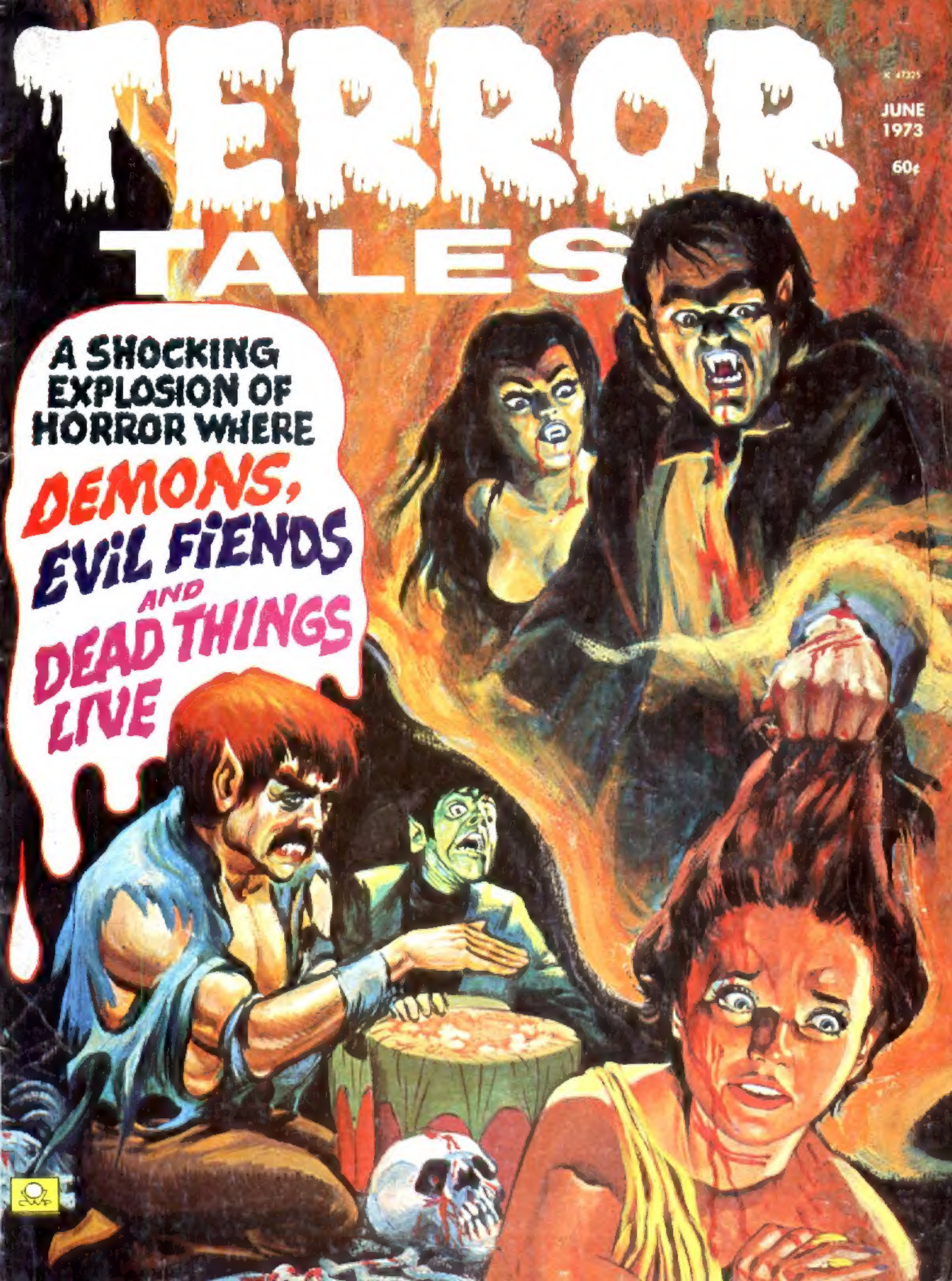

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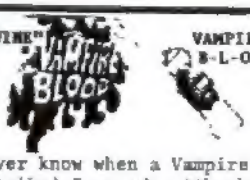

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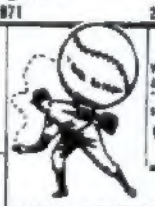

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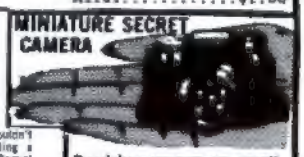

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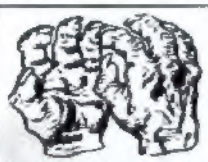

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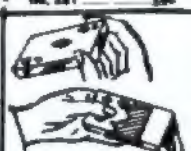

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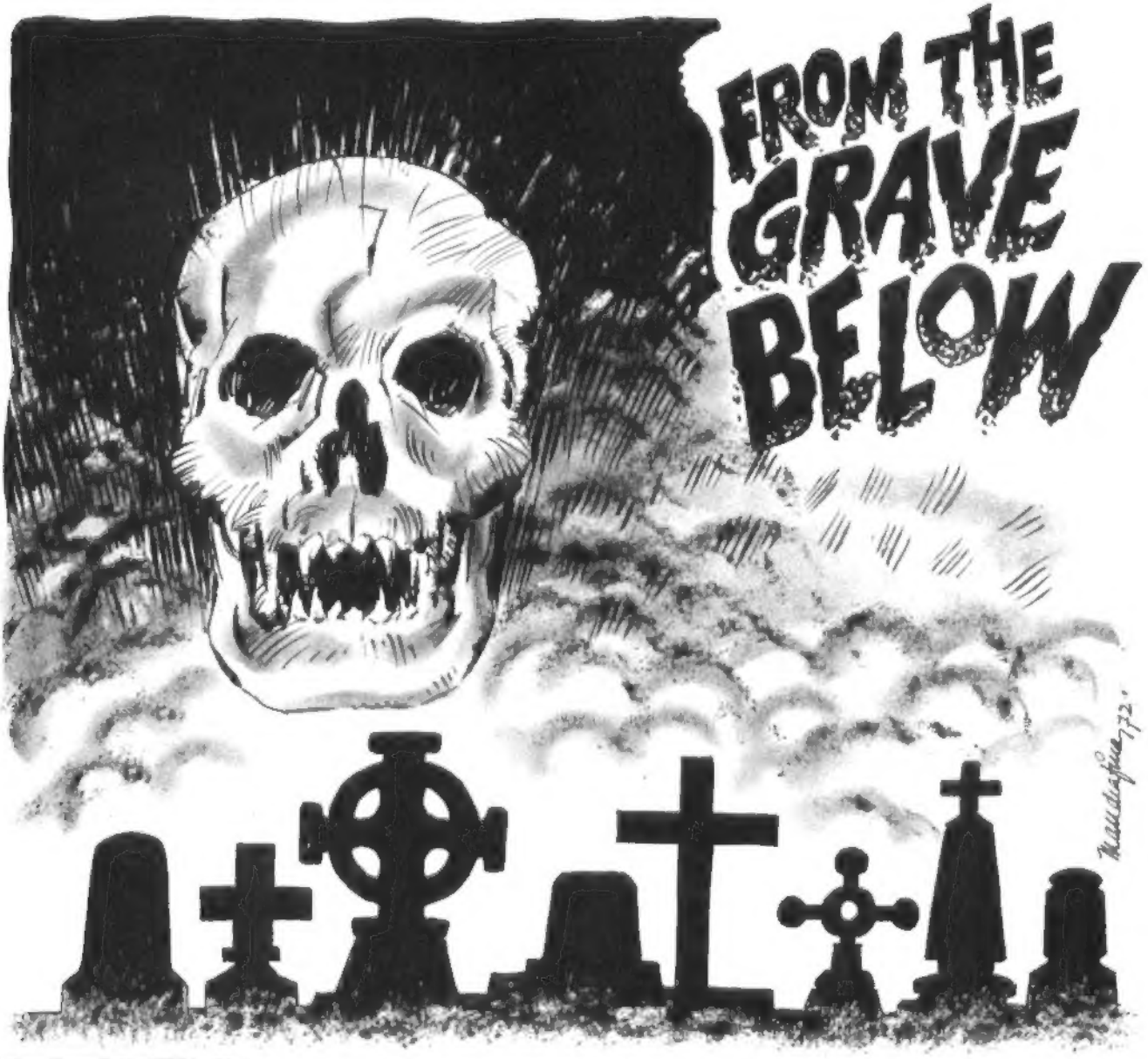
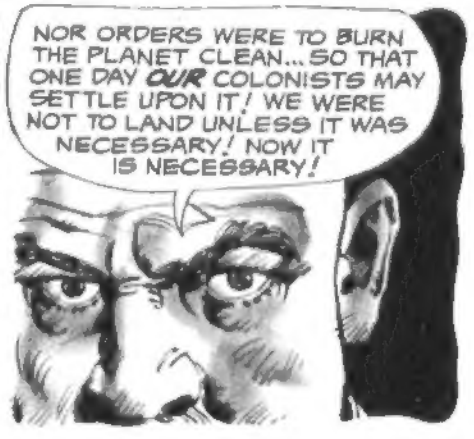




BUT IT WOULD BE AN EASY MATTER TO BURN THAT CRAWLING LITTLE THING!
AND IF THERE ARE OTHERS? LOGIC ADMITS ONLY ONE SOLUTION, CAPTAIN! WE SHALL LAND AND HUNT THEM DOWN! GIVE THE ORDER!
LOGIC, THAT WAS THE ONE, THE ONLY LAW OF THE CONQUERORS!
THE FIRST SCOUT SHIP HAS RETURNED, COMMANDER! TWO PRISONERS! EXTERMINATION?
FIRST THINGS FIRST, CAPTAIN!
DID THESE HUMAN FIGHT BACK?
WHY NO, SIR! THEY SEEMED MEEK, DAZED... AS IF IN SHOCK...
THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED! GIVE THEM FOOD! WE SHALL TAKE THEM WITH US!

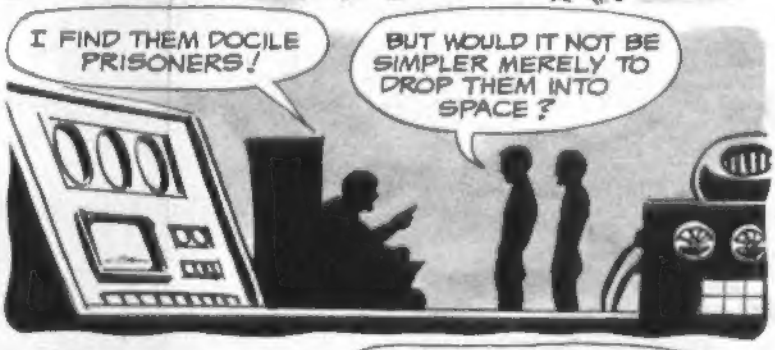
FROM ALL THE CORNERS OF THE SMOULDERING EARTH, THE SCOUT SHIPS RETURNED, WITH IT... ITS CARGO!
CATTLE! THEY DO NOT RESIST!
CATTLE, YES! AND YET, SOMEHOW, THEY SURVIVED, CAPTAIN!

NO EYES SAW THE COMETS THAT STREAKED SKYWARD SOON AFTER! THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT ON EARTH TO WATCH!

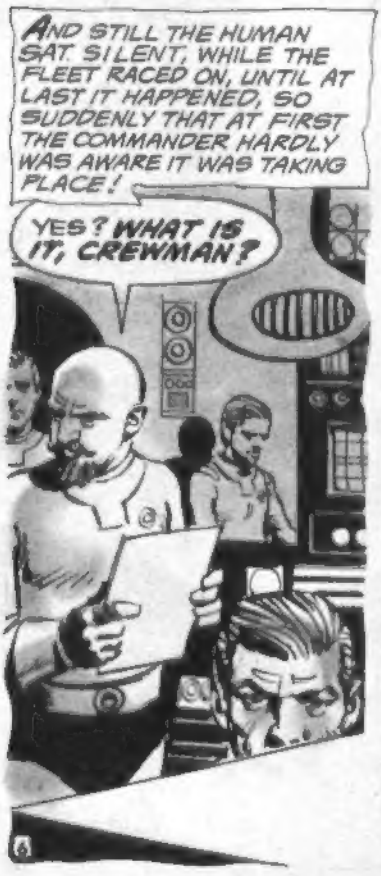
NOR DID ANYONE CARE! FOR THE HUMANS SAT QUIETLY, THE FOOD BEFORE THEM UNTOUCHED!
ALL IS WELL, GUARD?
THEY DO NOT EAT THEIR FOOD, SIR! WHAT'S MORE, THEY LOOK AT ME AND WHISPER AMONG THEMSELVES!

I THINK YOUR IMAGINATION IS PLAYING TRICKS WITH YOU! LOGIC IS OUR CREED, SOLDIER, USE IT!
YES, SIR...

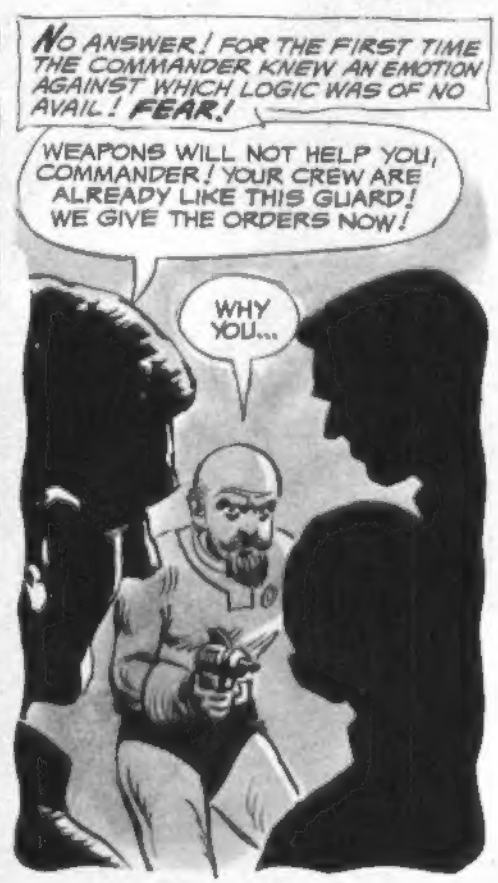
IT GREW WITH UNEASINESS! IT DROVE THE CREW INTO SMALL FRIGHTENED KNOTS! UNTIL LOGIC DEMANDED ACTION!
ENOUGH! A HANDFUL OF HUMANS IN A CAGE AND YOU TELL ME MY CREW AND OFFICERS FEARS THEM AND SHUDDER WHEN THEY PASS THEM!


I FIND THEM DOCILE PRISONERS!
BUT WOULD IT NOT BE SIMPLER MERELY TO DROP THEM INTO SPACE?

IT WOULD BE SIMPLE! AND ILLOGICAL! I UNDERTOOK TO BRING THE HUMANS TO OUR WORLD! I SEE NO LOGICAL REASON FOR ALTERING THAT DECISION! RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES!

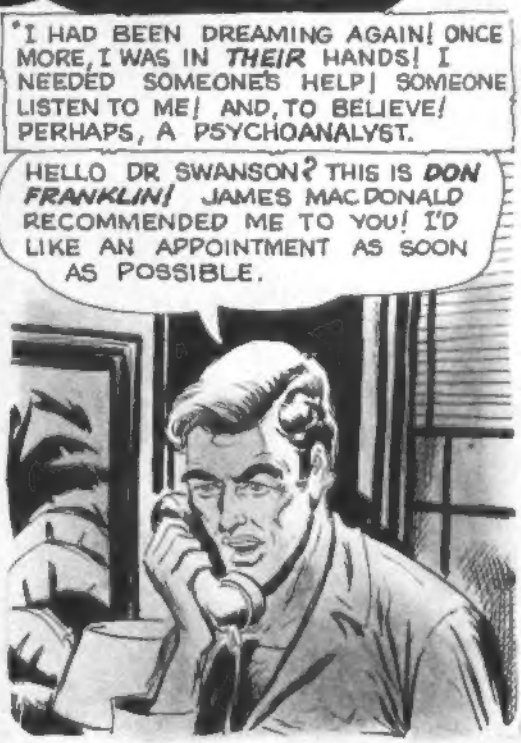

AND STILL THE HUMAN SAT SILENT, WHILE THE FLEET RACED ON, UNTIL AT LAST IT HAPPENED, SO SUDDENLY THAT AT FIRST THE COMMANDER HARDLY WAS AWARE IT WAS TAKING PLACE!
YES? WHAT IS IT, CREWMAN?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? HOW DARE YOU BRING THESE CREATURES ON MY BRIDGE!


NO ANSWER! FOR THE FIRST TIME THE COMMANDER KNEW AN EMOTION AGAINST WHICH LOGIC WAS OF NO AVAIL! FEAR!
WEAPONS WILL NOT HELP YOU, COMMANDER! YOUR CREW ARE ALREADY LIKE THIS GUARD! WE GIVE THE ORDERS NOW!
WHY YOU...

...STAND BACK...
IT IS USELESS! YOU CANNOT DRAW YOUR WEAPON, COMMANDER! NOT YOU NOR ANY OF THE OTHERS!
AND, SO IT WAS! THOSE EYES! IT WAS AS IF THE COMMANDER COULD READ HIS DOOM IN THOSE LUMINOUS EYES!
IT'S TRUE! I CAN'T MOVE! AND YOU... YOU SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!
WE LEARN! WE KNOW MANY THINGS, COMMANDER! EARTH HAD MANY MYSTERIES AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU!
YOUR FIRES BURNED CLEAN, SO CLEAN THAT EVEN THE EARTH RAN LIKE WATER! FOR THAT WE'RE GRATEFUL!
YOUR FIRES COULD NOT HARM US, BUT THEY BURNED DEEP... DEEP!
THEY BURNED AWAY THE WOLF BANE, THE HERBS, THE ANCIENT CHARMS WITH WHICH MEN IMPRISONED US! BUT, NOW... WE WALK AGAIN! WE LIVE! WE SHALL BE CONTENTED IN YOUR WORLD!
ONE QUESTION THE COMMANDER MANAGED... BEFORE DARKNESS CLOSE IN UPON HIM! ONE QUESTION...
YOU SHALL TAKE US THERE... LEAD US TO THIS FRUITFUL PLACE OF YOUR KIND...
WHO... WHAT ARE YOU?
BUT THE ANSWER MEANT NOTHING TO THE COMMANDER! HIS WAS A WORLD OF LOGIC! AND LOGIC DOES NOT ADMIT THAT THERE CAN BE SUCH THINGS AS THESE!
WE HAVE HAD MANY NAMES DOWN THROUGH THE CENTRIES, COMMANDER! THE PEOPLE ON EARTH CALLED US... VAMPIRES!
THE END

THE DEAD LIVE



I DON'T CARE WHAT THE TREATMENT IS AS LONG AS YOU HELP ME FORGET!
SINCE IT SEEMS SO URGENT, WE BEGIN TONIGHT! JUST LIE DOWN ON THE COUCH AND BEGIN TALKING!
I'M A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR! I WAS TRAVELING THROUGH INDIA, COLLECTING MATERIAL FOR A BOOK ON ANCIENT TRIBAL RITES! AFTER MANY WEEKS, I FOUND MYSELF IN ONE OF THE STRANGEST VILLAGES I HAD EVER SEEN!
THE VILLAGE WAS PRACTICALLY DESERTED!
HEY ANYBODY HOME!
HEY, OVER THERE! WAIT UP!
EITHER THE GUY'S ANTISOCIAL, OR DEAF!
ME AMERICAN! UNITED STATES! WHERE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE?
ALMOST EVERYONE IS ASLEEP NOW, SIR!
WHAT A RELIEF YOU SPEAK ENGLISH! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME!
I WOULD BE GLAD TO BE OF SOME SERVICE TO YOU, SIR!
SWELL! I'D LIKE A PLACE WHERE I CAN STAY OVER NIGHT!
THERE'S ONLY ONE HUT FOR STRANGERS. FOLLOW ME!
WHO LIVES IN THIS HUT! THE VILLAGE CHIEF?
THE MASTER!

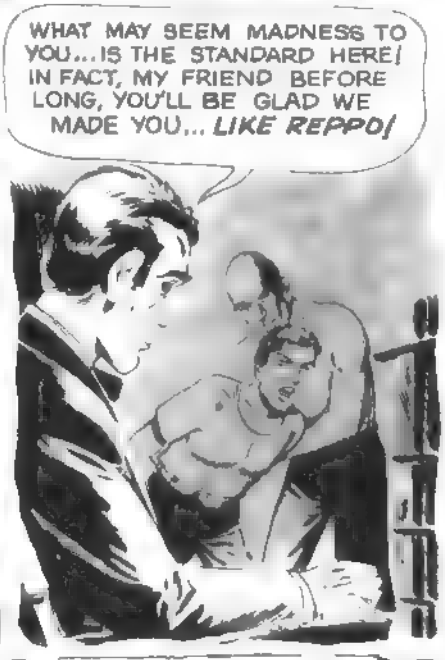
WHEN I ENTERED THE DIMLY LIT HUT, I RECIEVED THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE! THERE, SAT A MAN IN EVENING CLOTHES!
WHAT A SINGULAR DELIGHT! IT PLEASES ME TO SEE STRANGERS COME TO OUR HUMBLE VILLAGE! MY NAME IS TORSET! N.L. TORSET
I IMAGINE IT SEEMS STRANGE TO FIND SOMEONE SO POLISHED AS MYSELF LIVING HERE! MY FAMILY AND I LIVE RATHER WELL HERE! LABOUR CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY FAVORABLE IN THIS DISTRICT!
NOT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN! I'D SAY THE PLACE LOOKS BARE OF AVAILABLE FARM HANDS...
OH, THEY'RE ABOUT, BELIEVE ME, SIR! THEY WORK AND EFFICIENTLY...
THAT SHOULD LEAVE YOU QUITE CONTENT. BUT MY PLANS CALL FOR ME TO LEAVE IN THE MORNING!
PERHAPS, YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND IN THE MORNING! MANY COME AND SETTLE HERE FOR LIFE!
RIGHT NOW, I'D SETTLE ANY PLACE WHICH BOASTED A BED!
HOW THOUGHTLES OF ME! REPPO SHOW THE VISITOR TO THE GUEST HUT!
YOU'RE A GRACIOUS HOST SIR! I'M GRATEFUL!
IT IS I WHO WOULD BE GRATEFUL!
I WAS LED INTO ONE OF THE SMALLER HUTS! AND, REPPO LEFT SILENTLY...
AN ODD SORT OF MAN TO MEET IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD...

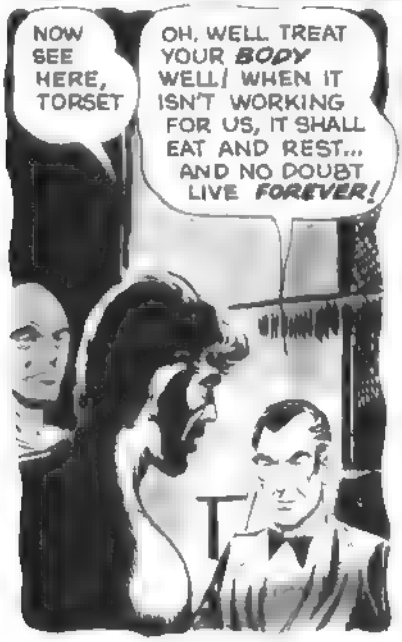
I WENT RIGHT TO BED! THE NEXT MORNING WHEN I AWOKE, AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE GREETED MY EYES!
FOR PETE'S SAKE! MY LUGGAGE IS GONE! THAT TORSET FELLOW WILL CERTAINLY HEAR FROM ME ABOUT THIS!

I DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR TORSET! HE CAME TO SEE ME!
MY BELONGINGS ARE GONE, TORSET! I DON'T WANT EXPLANATIONS... JUST MY LUGGAGE!
YOU WON'T NEED ANYTHING ANY MORE!

WHAT KIND OF TWADDLE IS THIS! I'M LEAVING THIS MORNING! I'LL NEED ALL MY LUGGAGE! NOW GO GET IT!
PUT THE GENTLEMAN IN HIS PLACE REPPO!

I TRIED TO FIGHT OFF REPPO, BUT HE HAD ALMOST SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH!
IT WAS SILLY OF YOU TO RESIST REPPO! HOW CAN ONE HURT A DEAD MAN!
YOU'RE NOT ONLY A THIEF, BUT A MADMAN!

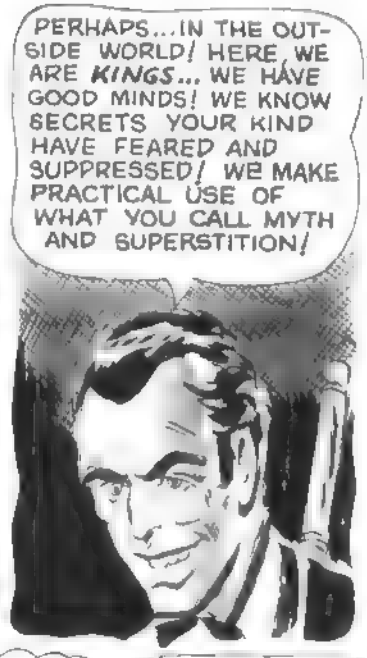

WHAT MAY SEEM MADNESS TO YOU... IS THE STANDARD HERE! IN FACT, MY FRIEND BEFORE LONG, YOU'LL BE GLAD WE MADE YOU... LIKE REPPO!

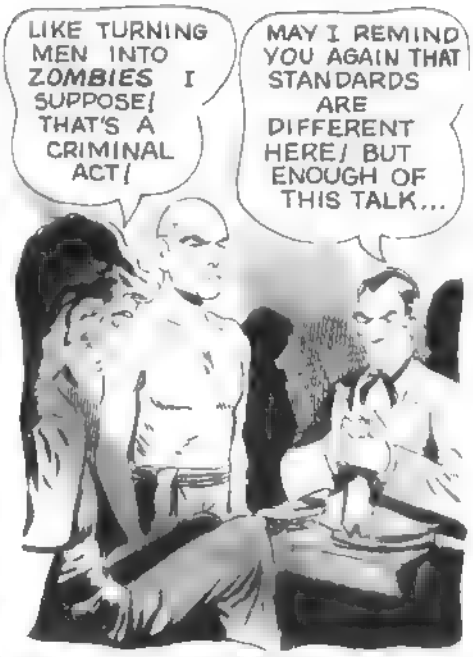

NOW SEE HERE, TORSET
OH, WELL TREAT YOUR BODY WELL! WHEN IT ISN'T WORKING FOR US, IT SHALL EAT AND REST... AND NO DOUBT LIVE FOREVER!

TURN ME LOOSE, BLAST YOU! WHAT EARTHLY USE CAN I BE TO YOU!

WHAT HAPPENED WAS FANTASTIC!
WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET, FRANKLIN! AS YOU CAN SEE, WE TORSOIDS CAN'T VERY WELL FEND FOR OURSELVES!

YES, I'M LITERALLY *HALF A MAN!* NOT A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY HAS A BODY WHICH EXTENDS BELOW THE WAIST!
A ... A RACE OF *FREAKS!*


PERHAPS... IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD! HERE, WE ARE *KINGS*... WE HAVE GOOD MINDS! WE KNOW SECRETS YOUR KIND HAVE FEARED AND SUPPRESSED! WE MAKE PRACTICAL USE OF WHAT YOU CALL MYTH AND SUPERSTITION!


LIKE TURNING MEN INTO *ZOMBIES* I SUPPOSE! THAT'S A CRIMINAL ACT!
MAY I REMIND YOU AGAIN THAT STANDARDS ARE DIFFERENT HERE! BUT ENOUGH OF THIS TALK...

IT'S TIME YOU MET YOUR FUTURE MASTER, MY UNCLE!
T-THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! I MUST BE DREAMING!

IS HE MINE? GOOD! NOW I'LL HAVE MY OWN MAN! I CAN'T WAIT TILL HE'S READY TO SERVE ME!
NOW, UNCLE! DON'T GET ALL EXCITED! HE'LL BE ALL YOURS TOMORROW EVENING!

HE SPOKE OF RITES ... WHAT?
JUST A SMALL CEREMONY! IT WILL LOOK LIKE HOCUS-POCUS TO YOU... BUT IT'S REALLY NOT...

GET FRANCIS AND GATHER THE HERBS! PLACE THE TUB IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE!

THAT NIGHT WAS INTERMINABLY LONG! THE NEXT MORNING I WATCHED THE ZOMBIES IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE THROWING HERBS AND GRASS INTO A VAT THAT LOOKED LIKE A BATH TUB!

I WAS STARTLED BY THE ENTRANCE OF REPPO!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED! ***I'M NOT ONE OF THEM*** THEIR RITES DIDN'T WORK ON ME! I'M GOING TO LOOSEN YOUR ROPES! DURING ONE PART OF THE RITES, THE TORSOIDS ALL TURN AND FACE THE MOON FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES! WE'LL MAKE A RUN FOR IT AT THAT TIME!

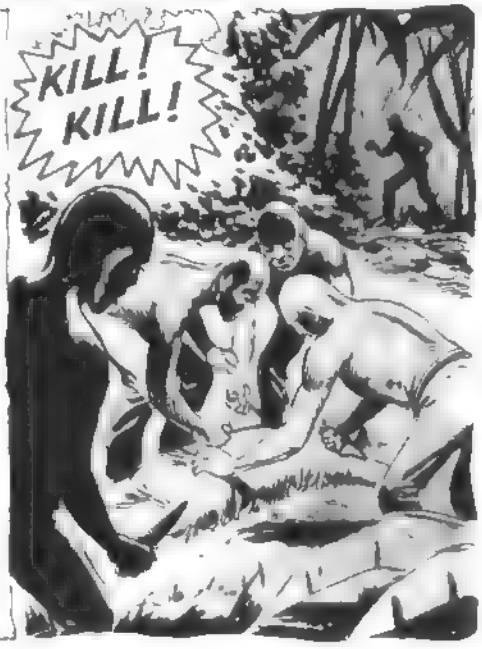
MY ALLY LEFT AS QUICKLY AS HE CAME! A FEW MOMENTS LATER THREE ZOMBIES CAME IN AND CARRIED ME TO THE RITUALISTIC TUB!

AT A SEEMINGLY, PREARRANGED SIGNAL THE TORSOIDS WHEELED AROUND AND FACED THE MOON, I WRENCHED MY ROPES LOOSE AND LEAPED OUT OF THE TUB! MY ALLY BEGAN RUNNING TOWARD THE WOODS WITH ME FOLLOWING HIM AS FAST AS I COULD!

SUDDENLY, THE OLD UNCLE... WHOM I WAS BEING PREPARED FOR, SAW US AND BEGAN YELLING...

GET HIM! MY SLAVE! HE'S RUNNING AWAY! YAAAAH! GET HIM!

TERROR ADDED SPEED TO MY LEGS! OVER MY SHOULDER, I GOT A GLIMPSE OF THE ZOMBIES SURROUND MY FRIEND WHO HAD TRIPPED! I HEARD HIM CRY IN ***AGONY*** AS I KEPT RUNNING...



SILENTLY, WITHOUT MOTION THOSE LIVING DEAD MEN WERE STOMPING REPPO INTO A GORY MESS! I GOT AWAY ALMOST DONE IN, WHEN I REACHED CIVILIZED TERRITORY!

TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK DOCTOR! CAN YOU RID ME OF THAT ***HORRIBLE*** MEMORY?

WHETHER YOU'RE DISTURBED BY FANTASY OR FACT DOESN'T MATTER, SIR! JUST ANSWER THIS ONE

HE ASKED ME... WHAT WAS FEARFULLY ASKING MYSELF... DO THOSE TORSOIDS HAVE THE POWER TO REACH OUT ACROSS THE WORLD... AND ***FIND ME?***

The End

GRAY, ENDLESS FOG--MURKY BOTTOMLESS WATER-- WHAT IS THE **BLACK** SECRET, THE HIDDEN **HORROR** THAT LURKS IN THE SEA!

HIDDEN HORROR

IN THE WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, A SHIP APPROACHES ONE OF THE MANY ISLAND PORTS...

THERE'S THE ISLAND, JARVIS! WE'VE MADE GOOD TIME! AND IF WE DELIVER OUR GOODS--

I BEG YOUR PARDON, CAPTAIN BATES, BUT THIS AREA **WORRIES** ME!! THERE'S A **SMELL** OF **SICKNESS** IN THE AIR!!

GO BACK!! YOU MUST NOT ENTER THE TOWN! THE **GRAY PLAGUE** HAS STRUCK ALL AND IS SPREADING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE!!

AT THE MENTION OF THE DREADED PLAGUE, THE FACES OF THE SHIP'S CREW TURN WHITE WITH TERROR...
THE GRAY PLAGUE!!
WE MUST LEAVE BEFORE WE TOO, ARE INFECTED!!
PERHAPS WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE!
WHY SHOULD WE PUT OUR LIVES IN DANGER FOR A HORDE OF NATIVE? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!

ONE MOMENT-- I HAVE A FLASK OF SERUM HERE!! THOSE POOR DEVILS COULD USE IT BETTER THAN
FINE DOCTOR KENNEY!! I'M GLAD THAT ONE OF MY CREW HAS SOME HUMAN INSTINCT WITHIN HIM!!
ATTENTION PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND!! I HAVE A FLASK OF SERUM WHICH WILL SAVE MANY LIVES!! SEND A ROWBOAT AND IT'S YOUR?

THEY SAY THEY WILL HAVE A BOAT HERE IMMEDIATELY! BE PREPARED TO RECIEVE IT... AND GIVE IT THE SERUM!
THROUGHOUT THE CREW, A LOW AND SINISTER GRUMBLING BEGINS...
WE WON'T LET THAT DISEASED HEATHEN ON BOARD, CAPTAIN!
WE'LL CATCH THE PLAGUE FROM HIM!

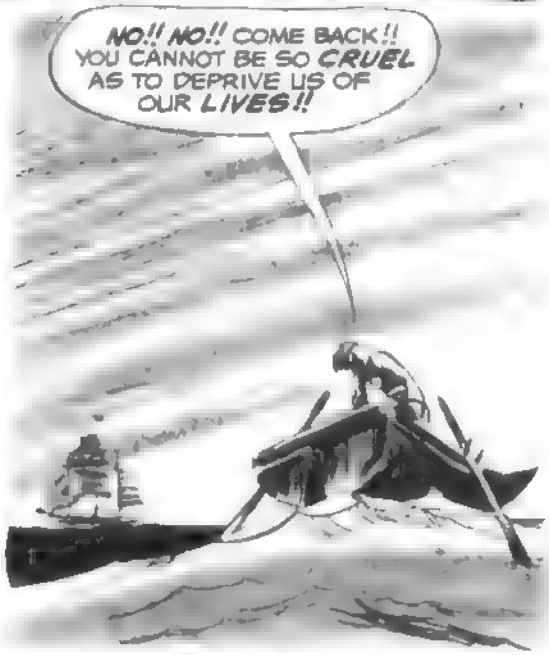
THIS IS MUTINY, MR. JARVIS!
THEN CALL IT MUTINY!! THE MEN WILL STAND BY ME!

A SUDDEN BURST OF VIOLENCE-- AND THE SHIP CHANGES HANDS!
IT IS EASY TO TAKE OVER THE SHIP, MR. JARVIS, BUT THE PRICE YOU WILL PAY WILL BE A HEAVY ONE!!
SO BE IT THEN! I AM CAPTAIN NOW!!

OUR COURSE WILL BE DUE WEST-- AWAY FROM THIS LAND OF PESTILENCE!! THE SERUM WILL BE...

AS SUDDEN... AS THE MUTINY THAT ROCKED THE SHIP, A FIGURE COMES OUT OF THE FOG, HIS SKELETON ARMS RAISED IN A WILD PLEA FOR HELP!!
OH, GOOD CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP, SEND DOWN YOUR LIFE GIVING MEDICINE SO MY PEOPLE MAY NOT BE DESTROYED!! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!!

BE GONE, YOU SNIVELING WRETCH!! I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT GIVING YOU THE SERUM! IT IS FOR MY MEN ONLY!!


NO!! NO!! COME BACK!! YOU CANNOT BE SO CRUEL AS TO DEPRIVE US OF OUR LIVES!!

IT'S ASTONISHING!! HIS BOAT SEEMS TO KEEP UP WITH US...
LOOK HOW HE ROWS SO FRANTICALLY!! THE FOOL!!

LISTEN, MY ANXIOUS LITTLE FRIEND IN THE ROWBOAT!! WE'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING YET--
WH--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME ??

WITH ONE STRONG PUSH, THE CAPTAIN TUMBLES OVERBOARD, HURTLING MADLY INTO THE WATER...
THE CAPTAIN--WITH MY COMPLIMENTS! HA! HA! HA!
YAAAHHH!!

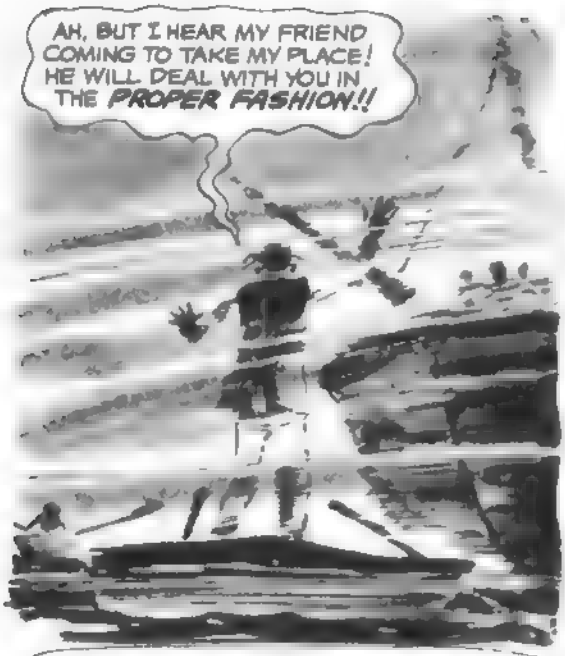
I SEE NOW! YOU ARE THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP! IT IS YOUR MEN WHO HAVE DEFIED YOU!
HELP ME INTO YOUR BOAT!

I HEAVE THIS CURSE UPON YOU MEN OF THE NEPTUNE... MAY THE TERRORS OF THE SEA AND THE NIGHT CONSPIRE TO DESTROY YOU!!

BUT ALL THE CURSE BRINGS IS HOLLOW LAUGHTER THAT ECHOES LIKE A VOICE FROM HELL...
HA! HA! HA!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS THE SHIP DRIFTS THROUGH THE WATER...
STORM CLOUDS AHEAD, JENSEN! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HEADING FOR A BIG SQUALL!
AYE, AYE, MR. JARVIS!
BATTEN THE HATCHES, MEN!! THE STORM IS GROWING FIERCE!
WE'LL CRASH AGAINST THE ROCKS!!
WE'RE LOST!! LOST!!
THE SHIP IS CRIPPLED, SIR! I CAN'T STEER IT ANY MORE!!
WE MUST TRUST TO FATE NOW, MR. JENSEN! THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE!!
AS THE STORM SUBSIDES, THE FEARS OF THE MEN BECOME GREATER AS THE DREADFUL WHITENESS WRAPS ITSELF AROUND THEM...
WHERE ARE WE?? ALL I CAN SEE IS THE FOG!!
IT'S AS IF WE WERE CAUGHT IN A WHITE NET!
LAND!! I SEE LAND!! THERE'S AN ISLAND AHEAD OF US!
BARTON! GET THE BIG MEGAPHONE WORKING! SEE IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THAT ISLAND!
I'LL TRY, MR. JARVIS!!

A FEW LUSTY YELLS THROUGH THE MEGA-PHONE AND A MESSAGE COMES FLOATING BACK... BUT EACH WORD SERVES ONLY TO FREEZE THE BLOOD WITH WARNING OF IMPENDING DOOM!...
THIS IS THE ISLAND OF GUARNACA, THE PLAGUE THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS HAS CEASED BUT DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF SERUM THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND OF GUARNACA HAVE ALL DIED LIKE FLIES...
THIS IS THE ISLAND WE LEFT! WE DRIFTED BACK TO IT IN THE STORM!
BUT HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?
CAN NOTHING BE DONE TO STEER THE SHIP AWAY FROM THAT ISLAND?
TURN! TURN!! THE WHEEL CAN'T BE BROKEN!!
SUDDENLY, THE SOUND OF A MUFFLED OAR BREAKS THE UNNATURAL SILENCE AND A BOAT APPEARS...
WHO'S THERE? SPEAK UP, BEFORE I HAVE YOU FIRED UPON!!
J-A-R-V-I-S!
IT IS I, YOUR CAPTAIN! YOU CAST ME OVERBOARD TO DIE OF THE PLAGUE WITH THE POOR PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND! YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED... BUT NOW YOUR DEBT WILL BE PAID!!
FLEE, MY FINE CREW, FLEE!! THERE WILL SOON BE NO ESCAPE! N-O E-S-C-A-P-E!!


AH, BUT I HEAR MY FRIEND COMING TO TAKE MY PLACE! HE WILL DEAL WITH YOU IN THE PROPER FASHION!!

AS THE SOUND OF CAPTAIN'S BOAT FADES INTO THE NIGHT, ANOTHER BOAT APPROACHES FROM THE ISLAND...
THE CAPTAIN IS GONE!! BUT WHO IS COMING NOW TO PLAGUE US?

IT IS I, THE SNIVELING WRETCH WHOM YOU DENIED THE SERUM THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED MY ISLAND!! I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT FROM MY PEOPLE!!

WITH INHUMAN SPEED, THE GHOSTLY NATIVE MOUNTS THE ROPE THAT CARRIES HIM TO THE SHIPS RAIL-- AS THE CREW STANDS TRANSFIXED WITH HORROR!..
HE'S COMING ABOARD!!

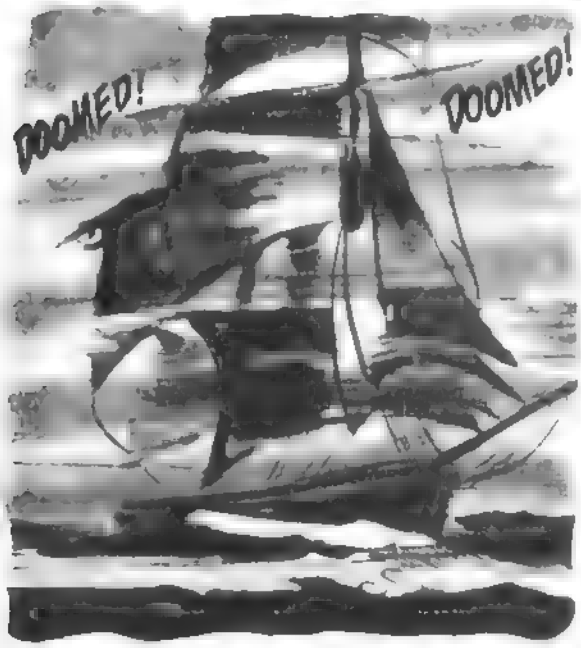
YOU REFUSED TO GIVE US THE FLASK OF SERUM THAT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE GRAY PLAGUE!! WE ARE NOT SO CRUEL, YOU SEE--WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU A FLASK THAT CONTAINS A GENEROUS PORTION OF--

--THE GERMS OF THE GRAY PLAGUE!

WITH ONE TRIUMPHANT GESTURE, THE NATIVE CRASHES THE FLASK TO THE DECK...
THERE!! IT IS DONE!!
CRASH

HE--HE'S GONE!! GONE!!
L-LOOK!! THE CLOUD OF THE GRAY PLAGUE!!

AS THE GRAY CLOUD SWEEPS OVER THE SHIP A DREADFUL CHANGE OCCURS IN THE MEN...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? MY HANDS--THEY SEEM TO BE SHRIVELLING LIKE A CORPSE'S!!
IT'S THE GRAY PLAGUE!! AHH-H-H-H!!


DOOMED!
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SOMEWHERE IN THE WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, ON NIGHTS WHEN THE AIR IS AS THICK AND WARM AS FRESH BLOOD, A SHIP DRIFTS ENDLESS
THERE IS NO PORT IN SIGHT-- AND THERE NEVER WILL BE!!
The End

MEN DISAPPEAR EVERY DAY... AND THE MYSTERY OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE OFTEN REMAINS UNSOLVED! BUT WHEN VARIOUS MEN... ALL IN THE SAME LINE OF BUSINESS DISAPPEAR, THE MYSTERY DEEPENS! FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT, THE BLACK VEIL LIFTS... AND WE SHARE ONE MAN'S *ADVENTURE IN TERROR!*

the SPIDER

STANLEY RAFFLE, SUCCESSFUL SILK MERCHANT, WAS NOT ONE TO BROOD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO A COMPETITOR...

WELL... I SEE GEORGE McCRAY HAS DISAPPEARED! HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN KEEPING IT A SECRET, HOPING HE'D SHOW UP! *HA HA!* AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED HE CAN STAY LOST!

I... I DON'T LIKE IT, STAN!

THERE WAS LIN SINGH, CARLOS PERALI, MARTIN MANNING... ALL MANUFACTURERS OR IMPORTERS OF SILK... JUST LIKE **YOU**!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT **ME**, CORNELIA! WITH THEM OUT OF THE WAY I'M GOING TO CORNER THE SILK MARKET!

SOON IT LOOKED AS THOUGH STANLEY MIGHT BE ON THE ROAD TO REALIZING HIS AMBITIONS...

BUT I CAN'T SELL YOU MY SILK AT THE PRICE YOU OFFER!

THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, WU! SELL AT **MY** PRICE --- OR YOU'RE STUCK WITH IT!

THAT NIGHT A STRANGE AND FEARFUL CREATURE CROUCHED BEHIND THE PILINGS ON THE WHARF AS WU'S SILK CAME OFF THE BOAT...

YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MY FIRST OFFER, WU! NOW YOU KNOW WHAT I SAID IS TRUE... I'M THE ONLY MERCHANT NOW BUYING. TAKE THIS — OR **NOTHING!**

YOU HAVE ME AT YOUR **MERCY**, MR. RAFFEL!

I CAN ONLY WARN YOU, MY FRIEND! SUCH **GREED** AND *DOUBLE-DEALING* BRING ITS OWN **REWARD!**

KEEP YOUR WARNINGS TO YOURSELF, WU! I'M GETTING MY OWN *REWARD!* **HA! HA!**

YOU ARE A GENTLEMAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, MR. RAFFEL!

AND SO STANLEY RAFFEL GOT WU'S SILK AT HIS OWN LOW PRICE! HE KNEW IT WAS A STEAL, BUT HE DIDN'T CARE... AND WU'S WARNING MERELY AMUSED HIM. HE WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE ALL THE MONEY HE COULD BEFORE OTHER COMPETITORS HAD A CHANCE TO SPRING UP...

STANLEY BEGAN TO PUSH HIS OWN MILLS TO AN UNBELIEVABLE OUTPUT...

PUT ON TWO NEW SHIFTS! WE'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE NOW IMPORTING AND PRODUCING ENOUGH SILK TO COUNT!

THE GIGANTIC AND HORRIBLE SPIDER-MONSTER PEERED DOWN AT THE BUSY SCENE...

YOUR MACHINES AND YOUR EMPLOYEES DO A GOOD JOB, STANLEY RAFFEL! BUT **I** CAN STILL TEACH YOU A FEW TRICKS! **HA HA!**

ON A NARROW, ALMOST INVISIBLE BUT STRONG SILK CABLE WHICH IT HAD THROWN FROM POLE TO POLE, ITS HAIRY LEGS PROPELLED IT ACROSS TOWN WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED...

MY OWN WORK AWAITS ME!

DOWN INTO A CELLAR IN AN OLD DESERTED WAREHOUSE NEAR THE DOCKS...
BUT TO WORK, ONE MUST HAVE NOURISHMENT... AND FORTUNATELY MY LARDER IS ALWAYS WELL SUPPLIED WITH FRESH MEAT — DRUGGED INTO HELPLESSNESS BY THE POISON OF MY STING!

ALAS, SOME VICTIMS MANAGE TO SHAKE OFF THE NUMBING POWER OF MY POISON, BUT NONE EVER ESCAPES! POOR GEORGE McCRAY... IT WAS A PITY YOU BECAME SO GREEDY, BUT THINK OF WHAT A USEFUL END YOU ARE SERVING!
AIEEEEE! NO! NO!

IT WAS THE NEXT MORNING THAT STANLEY HAD AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR! A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WITH A BUSINESS PROPOSITION...
I'M SO GLAD YOU DECIDED TO SEE ME, MR. RAFFEL. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SEEING... THIS!
SILK SALES

IT'S BEAUTIFUL — VERY BEAUTIFUL SILK! VERY UNUSUAL WEAVE! SOMETHING LIKE GEORGE McCRAY WAS HANDLING A WHILE BACK! NO ONE KNEW WHERE IT CAME FROM!

I'M SURE NO ONE IN THIS COUNTRY MAKES IT, WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
THAT'S MY SECRET, MR RAFFEL!

BUT I WILL TELL YOU THIS MUCH, MR. RAFFEL! I HAVE THOUSANDS OF YARDS... AND CAN GET AS MUCH AS I NEED! IT'S CHEAPER THAN ANYTHING YOU CAN MAKE OR BUY!

STANLEY KNEW THE SILK WAS FINER THAN ANY HE HAD EVER SEEN! HERE WAS SOME COMPETITION HE HAD NOT FORSEEN...
WHY DID YOU COME HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I HAVE THE SILK SOURCE... YOU HAVE THE MONEY AND THE MARKETS! I NEED SOMEONE TO DISPOSE OF THE SILK FOR ME!

OF COURSE YOU LIKE NICE THINGS! AND YOU SHOULD HAVE THEM! BUT— WHERE IS THE SILK? I'D HAVE TO SEE IT... MAKE SURE ...
NATURALLY, YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF A HOAX!

MEET ME TONIGHT AT THE DESERTED WAREHOUSE ON WHARF STREET AND I'LL TAKE YOU TO SEE THE REST OF THE SILK! BUT REMEMBER, THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US TWO — OR THE DEAL IS OFF!
I'LL BE THERE!

STANLEY SPENT THE DAY EXAMINING THE SILK ALL RIGHT! IT STOOD UP UNDER EVERY TEST HE GAVE IT.
THAT NIGHT...
THAT SILK WOULD OUTSELL OR OUTWEAR ANY REAL SILK OR SYNTHETIC I'VE EVER SEEN! AND WHO IS SHE? ALL SHE TOLD ME WAS THAT HER NAME IS LYCIA.

AS THE GIRL STEPPED OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF THE OLD WAREHOUSE STANLEY REGAINED HIS COMPLETE ASSURANCE
HERE I AM, MR. RAFFEL!
YOU KNOW, LYCIA, THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU! YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!

I'M GLAD YOU FEEL LIKE THAT, STANLEY! I WAS SO AFRAID YOU MIGHT BECOME ALARMED!
YOU MUST ADMIT THE SETUP IS UNUSUAL! YOU MEAN YOU'VE GOT THE STUFF IN THIS OLD WAREHOUSE?

STANLEY WAS GLAD HE HAD A FLASHLIGHT AND A PISTOL IN HIS POCKETS ...
UGH! SPIDER WEBS ALL OVER THE PLACE! AND RATS! WHAT KIND OF A GIRL ARE YOU, ANYHOW? YOU COULDN'T GET MOST WOMEN WITHIN A MILE OF A PLACE LIKE THIS!

ONE MUST OFTEN SEEK STRANGE SPOTS FOR ONE'S BUSINESS! I DON'T BOTHER THE RATS AND THEY DON'T BOTHER ME! AND SPIDER WEBS ARE RATHER BEAUTIFUL IF YOU STUDY THEM!

I AM NOT GOING TO TURN BACK NOW!

TURNING DOWN ONE OF THE NARROW DARK CORRIDORS, LYCIA OPENED A DOOR...

THERE, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT? ISN'T THAT WORTH COMING THROUGH A FEW SPIDER WEBS AND RATS!

SILK! BOLT AFTER BOLT OF SILK!

IT'S THE SAME QUALITY AS THE SAMPLE YOU GAVE ME! IF WE CAN WORK OUT A PRICE, I'LL BUY ALL YOU CAN GET!

THE PRICE LYCIA NAMED WAS SURPRISINGLY LOW... AND STAN ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT...

LYCIA, WHY CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHERE THE SILK COMES FROM?

IF I TOLD YOU THAT I MADE IT MYSELF YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME! I'LL SUPPLY YOU... FOR CASH!

AND SO BEGAN STANLEY RAFFEL'S VERY PROFITABLE PARTNERSHIP WITH LYCIA! AS LYCIA HAD TOLD HIM, STANLEY FOUND IT CHEAPER TO BUY FROM HER THAN TO MANUFACTURE HIS OWN SILK. HE CUT THE SHIFTS IN HIS FACTORY, LAID OFF WORKERS AND SETTLED DOWN TO ENJOY THE ENORMOUS PROFITS HE WAS MAKING. MEANWHILE, ALONG THE CITY STREETS...

EEEOWWW! I... I'M DREAMING! IT... IT'S A NIGHTMARE!

TOO BAD, BOYS! BUT WHEN I WORK HARD, I HAVE AN ENORMOUS APPETITE!

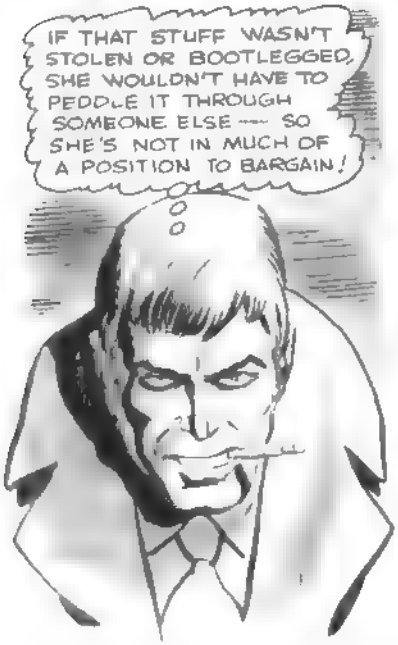
YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR A WEEK! AND WHERE'S THE NEW DOUBLE ORDER OF SILK YOU PROMISED ME?

YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE USUAL ROOM IN THE WAREHOUSE CELLAR, STANLEY! I HOPE YOU BROUGHT THE CASH!

YOU HAVEN'T PAID ME FOR THE LAST TWO ORDERS, AND I'M RAISING MY PRICE! MY FONDNESS FOR EXPENSIVE THINGS MAKES ME FEEL I'M ENTITLED TO MORE MONEY!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WHO ELSE COULD TAKE A CHANCE ON THAT STUFF!

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TAKE A CHANCE ... IF THERE IS PROFIT INVOLVED! IF YOU WANT THE NEW ORDER OF SILK YOU MUST PAY WHAT YOU OWE ME — AND MY NEW PRICE!
I-I DON'T HAVE THE CASH WITH ME, LYCIA! I'LL BRING IT TO THE WAREHOUSE TONIGHT!

BUT THAT NIGHT WHEN STANLEY WENT TO THE WAREHOUSE HE HAD ALREADY MADE HIS PLANS...
I'VE BEEN AFRAID OF THIS FROM THE BEGINNING... THAT IT WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST!


IF THAT STUFF WASN'T STOLEN OR BOOTLEGGED, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO PEDDLE IT THROUGH SOMEONE ELSE — SO SHE'S NOT IN MUCH OF A POSITION TO BARGAIN!

AS STANLEY PUSHED OPEN THE CREAKING WAREHOUSE DOOR, ANOTHER ARRIVAL WAS MAKING AN ENTRANCE THROUGH THE OLD CHIMNEY ..
I'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY NOW TO RETIRE! AND I'LL HAVE THE MONEY FROM THIS NEW ORDER AND THE TWO I HAVEN'T PAID FOR AS AN EXTRA NEST EGG!
I HAVE A FEELING YOU MAY NOT LEAVE HERE TONIGHT, STANLEY RAFFLE!

WHEN STANLEY REACHED THE FAMILIAR ROOM IN THE WAREHOUSE CELLAR, LYCIA WAS WAITING FOR HIM ...
SATISFIED, STANLEY? THE SAME QUALITY AND THE EXTRA AMOUNT YOU ORDERED!
YES, YES! IT'S REMARKABLE HOW YOU DO IT, LYCIA! I WISH I KNEW THE SECRET!

YOU'LL PROBABLY BE HAPPIER NOT KNOWING WHERE IT COMES FROM! AND NOW... MY CASH PLEASE! TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! .. AND YOU'LL MAKE SEVEN TIMES THAT ON IT!
I'LL MAKE MUCH MORE LYCIA — BECAUSE I DON'T INTEND TO PAY YOU!

AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT! AND AFTER THIS DEAL, SINCE I'M RETIRING FROM BUSINESS ... YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER "FRONT"!
IT ISN'T HARD TO FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER "FRONT"! BUT SOONER OR LATER THE PARTNERSHIP ALWAYS ENDS... LIKE THIS!

SOMETHING IN LYCIA'S VOICE MADE STANLEY TURN AND WHAT HE SAW MADE HIM FREEZE WITH HORROR ...
BUT YOU'RE WRONG WHEN YOU SAY THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT! I'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR A LONG, LONG TIME WITH MEN LIKE YOU ... AND SOMEHOW I ALWAYS WIN!
EEEKKKK!
NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE!

STANLEY FORCED HIS BODY TO OBEY HIS TERRIFIED WILL ...
MY REVOLVER! I... I'VE ALWAYS CARRIED IT! I... I'VE NEVER TRUSTED YOU ... NEVER KNOWN WHAT I MIGHT RUN INTO... AND SO I WAS PREPARED! AND NOW I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO KILL YOU!
AS HE FIRED, THE SPIDER SHOT OUT A SILKEN CORD, YANKING THE REVOLVER FROM STANLEY'S GRASP AND ENMESHING HIM IN A WEB THAT HELD HIM LIKE STEEL BANDS...
AHNYAHHHH!
I- I CAN'T MOVE! IT'S AN ACCURSED WEB!
DIDN'T YOU GUESS? I SPIN THAT SILK MYSELF! IT REQUIRES A LOT OF ENERGY AND I OFTEN HAVE TO GORGE MYSELF TO KEEP GOING!

EVERYTHING I CONSUME IS TURNED INTO SILK! GEORGE McCRAY WAS PART OF THAT BEAUTIFUL PIECE YOU FIRST SAW! AND IT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU! YOU WILL MAKE A LOVELY BOLT OF SILK!

A FEW MONTHS LATER ...
I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RAFFEL SILK COMPANY, MR SMITHERS, AND I HAVE A SAMPLE OF SILK IN WHICH YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED!
WHY, IT'S BEAUTIFUL! WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
AND SO, THE CYCLE STARTS AGAIN... ANOTHER GREEDY MAN RIPE FOR THE HARVEST OF DEATH!
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FOOLS! IDIOTS! YOU'VE RUINED THE PATÉ!

IGNORE HIM! HE YELLS TO ENJOY THE SOUND OF HIS OWN VOICE!

THE WAITERS, THE CASHERS, EVEN THE BOSSES OF THE CAFE GOURMET HATE FRANCOIS' GUTS!
ANOTHER RAISE! MAIS NON! NOW! WE INCREASED YOUR SALARY ONLY LAST MONTH!
TOO BAD, MESSIEURS! THE CAFE EPICURE HAS OFFERED ME MORE MONEY!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT YOU WIN! WE'LL MEET THE EPICURE'S PRICE!
HA, HA! YOU ARE TOO TOO KIND, MESSIEURS!
FRANCOIS IS THE HIGHEST PAID CHEF IN ALL OF PARIS HE DRESSES EXPENSIVELY...
BON SOIR, MY POOR PIGS! THAT IS ALL YOU ARE FIT FOR.. WASHING DISHES...
AND HE DRIVES A HIGH-POWERED CUSTOM-BUILT SPORT CAR...
DA DE DUM, DA DE DUM!
UPON LEAVING THE RESTAURANT, FRANCOIS GUIDES THE CAR TO A LARGE APARTMENT BUILDING ALONG THE SWANK RUE DE LA PAIX...
DARLING!
BABETTE, MY SWEET!
A TOUCHING LITTLE SCENE, EH? THE FAITHFUL WIFE GREETING HER... BUT WAIT A MINUTE! WHO SAID SHE WAS HIS WIFE? NO LUSCIOUS BABETTE IS NOT FRANCOIS WIFE INSTEAD, SHE IS HIS TOY.. A GORGEOUS DOLL!
FRANCOIS, DARLING, I SAW THE SWEETEST FUR PIECE TODAY!
SAY NO MORE, ANGEL! IT'S YOURS! I'LL WRITE OUT A CHECK BEFORE I LEAVE!
YES, BABETTE IS AN EXPENSIVE TOY BUT FRANCOIS IS WILD ABOUT HER AND NO PRICE IS TOO HIGH!

WHEN FRANCOIS LEAVES BABETTE, DAWN IS JUST BREAKING... THIS TIME HE DRIVES TO A SLUM SECTOR OF TOWN... WHERE ANOTHER WOMAN AWAITS HIM...

WHAT'S THE EXCUSE TONIGHT? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

DON'T START THAT AGAIN, MARIE! IT'S LATE AND I'M TIRED!

YES, AS YOU CAN SEE, FRANCOIS DOES HAVE A WIFE! MARIE AND FRANCOIS HAVE BEEN MARRIED TEN YEARS! THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN!

NOW QUIET CHILDREN! YOUR FATHER'S SLEEPING!

BUT, MAMA, HE ALWAYS SLEEPS! HE NEVER SLEEPS! HE NEVER TALKS OR PLAYS WITH US!

LATER...

BUT, FRANCOIS, YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME MORE MONEY! THE CHILDREN NEED WINTER COATS AND...

THEY'LL HAVE TO DO WITHOUT THEM! I HAVE NO MONEY TO GIVE YOU!

THE CHEF DESPISES MARIE AND THE CHILDREN! HE HOPES TO DRIVE HIS WIFE TO SEEK A DIVORCE AND THUS GAIN HIS FREEDOM!

YOU BEAST! HAVE YOU NO HEART? THEY'RE YOUR CHILDREN! YOUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD! MON DIEU, DO YOU WISH THEM TO STARVE!

FRANKLY, MARIE, I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM!

FRANCOIS' WORDS DRIVE MARIE INTO A FRENZY AND SHE SLAPS HIM... BUT HER HUSBAND IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR HER...

YOU FILTHY PIG! HOW DARE YOU SLAP ME!

SLAP

I (SOB) HATE YOU! HATE YOU!

THAT'S FINE WITH ME... BUT I WARN YOU, IF YOU EVER LAY A HAND ON ME AGAIN, YOU'LL GET THE BEATING OF YOUR LIFE!

NOT A VERY PRETTY PICTURE, IS IT? BUT NEVER FEAR, FRANCOIS WILL PAY FOR HIS SINS IN THE END!

OUI, FRANCOIS! ONE STUFFED CALF'S HEART FOR THE MAYOR!

THIS IS FOR MONSIEUR BELDERE! DON'T LET IT COOL, FOOL!

AND WITH BABETTE, HIS POPULARITY INCREASES AND HIS "GENEROSITY" INCREASES...

...AND IT'S ONLY 10,000 FRANCS, DARLING!

GO AHEAD, MY PET, GET IT TOMORROW AND HAVE THE STORE SEND ME THE BILL!

THE ONLY FLY IN FRANCOIS' OINTMENT CONTINUES TO BE MARIE...

FRANCOIS, MICHEL IS SICK! HE COMPLAINS OF PAINS IN HIS STOMACH AND...

DON'T BOTHER ME WITH THIS NONSENSE!

FRANCOIS IS TIRED THIS MORNING! LAST NIGHT HE TOOK BABETTE ON A SPREE AND HIS HEAD ACHES FROM TOO MUCH CHAMPAGNE!

FRANCOIS, PLEASE, I BEG YOU! HE'S YOUR SON! HE NEED A DOCTOR! LET ME CALL...

LET GO OF ME, YOU HYSTERICAL WOMAN! I FORBID YOU TO WASTE MY MONEY ON DOCTORS! NOW SHUT UP!

I WARNED YOU TO KEEP YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF ME! I WARNED YOU, MARIE!

MAMA! MAMA!

BUT EVEN THE SOUND OF HIS SON'S ANGUISHED SCREAMS DO NOT STOP FRANCOIS! HE RAISES THE HEAVY CANE AGAIN AND AGAIN!

I'LL TEACH YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE! CLUMSY, STUPID WOMAN!

STOP IT! STOP IT!

OHHH-- OHHH--

BUT THE HORROR IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FRANCOIS SLAPS MICHEL AND SENDS THE BOY HURTLING ACROSS THE ROOM!

I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO REALLY BE SICK ABOUT, YOU LITTLE MONSTER!

OHHHHH!

AND THUS, HIS DUTIES AS A HUSBAND AND FATHER ATTENDED TO, THE CHEF STROLLS BLITHELY TO THE RESTAURANT...

DE DUM DUM!

BUT BACK AT THE SLUM APARTMENT THERE IS NO HAPPINESS OR JOY IN THE HEART OF MARIE...
MAMA, MAMA, HE-HE (SOB) HIT ME! AND M-MY STOMACH... ...MY STOMACH...
SSSSH, SWEETHEART! MAMA WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
A DOCTOR IS SUMMONED AND THE PROSTRATE MOTHER LISTENS AS HER WORST FEARS ARE CONFIRMED...
IT'S APPENDICITIS, MADAME NICOLE! HE MUST BE OPERATED ON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
O-OPERATION? B-BUT WE HAVE NO MONEY! OH, DEAR LORD, HELP ME... HELP ME!
BUT THERE IS TO BE NO HELP FOR MARIE! BY THE TIME MICHEL CAN BE ADMITTED TO A CHARITY WARD, IT IS TOO LATE...
I'M SORRY, MADAME! HAD WE BEEN ABLE TO OPERATE SOONER WE MIGHT HAVE SAVED HIM!
OPERATING ROOM
M-MICHEL, MY SON, (SOB) MY SON!
MARIE LEAVES THE HOSPITAL AND WALKS SLOWLY BACK TO THE APARTMENT HER TEARS ARE NOW DRIED AND IN PLACE OF SORROW A BURNING, SEARING HATRED CONSUMES HER...
HE KILLED HIM... FRANCOIS KILLED HIM!
SHE WALKS TO THE KITCHEN, TO A WALL WHERE ALL THE KNIVES HANG SPARKLING AND GLITTERING ... AND IN HER HYSTERIA, THE MOTHER SEES A FIGURE BEFORE HER...
DADDY MURDERED ME, MAMA! HE MURDERED ME!
YES, DARLING, I KNOW HE DID! AND NOW HE'LL DIE... DIE LIKE A DOG!
THE RAZOR SHARP CLEAVER IS PLACED IN A PAPER BAG AND MARIE WALKS SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY TO THE ALLEY BEHIND THE GOURMET...
HE'S A MURDERER! A COLD-BLOODED MURDERER!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE GOURMET...
HURRY UP, IDIOTS! BRING ME THE STUFFING, THE CALVE'S HEARTS ARE READY FOR THE OVEN!

THE HOURS PASS QUICKLY AND AT MIDNIGHT FRANCOIS DONS HIS ELEGANT CAPE, PICKS UP HIS CANE, AND BIDS HIS ASSISTANTS GOOD NIGHT...

THE CHEF'S EYES ARE UNACCOSTUMED TO THE INKY DARKNESS OF THE ALLEY AND HE DOES NOT SEE THE FIGURE LOOMING UP BEHIND HIM...

THE CLEAVER HITS ITS MARK WITH DEADLY ACCURACY! FRANCOIS DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO SCREAM AS THE BLADE SPLITS HIS BRAIN IN HALF...

AND IN THE QUIET OF THE ALLEY THE BLOODY INSTRUMENT OF REVENGE RISES AND FALLS... RISES AND FALLS...

END

THE THING IN THE PARLOR
THOSE ROTTEN COPPERS ARE GAINING ON US! TURN IN THAT ALLEY, QUICK!
BLAM
SKREEEEE
WE FOOLED 'EM, JOEY, HA, HA, HA!
YEAH... NO THANKS TO YOU! NOW WE GOTTA DUMP THIS CAR!
WEEEEE EEEE
MINUTES LATER...
THAT'S IT! NOW WE'RE CLEAN! NOW WE GOTTA LAY LOW!
THESE TENEMENT SECTIONS ARE GOOD, JOEY! NO ONE WILL FIND US HERE!

SO JOEY FERRIS AND PETE BARLO, FOUND THEIR RATS ROOST QUICKLY...
FIFTEEN BUCKS A WEEK... IN ADVANCE!
OKAY... BUT NO DISTURBANCES ...UNDERSTAND? WE WANT PRIVACY!
WHATA DUMP!
OH ALL THE PLACES TO HOLE UP IN... WE GOTTA PICK THIS FLEA BAG! YOU AND YOUR BIG IDEAS!
STOP GRIPIN! IN TWO WEEKS WE CAN BLOW THIS DUMP!
BUT TWO WEEKS IS A LONG TIME, PETE! IF I EVER CATCH ANYONE O' THOSE BIRDS WALTZIN' AROUND HERE I'LL FIX HIS WAGON!
DON'T WORRY, PAL! NO ONE'S GONNA FIND OUT ABOUT--
-- THIS!
YEAH! THEY BETTER NOT... OR THEY'LL NEVER SEE ANYTHING AGAIN!
ONLY THING IS... WE GOTTA MAKE LIKE WE'RE THE NEIGHBORS WE GOTTA MINGLE IN WITH THOSE JERKS DOWN BELOW!
THAT OUGHTA' BE EASY! ALL WE GOTTA DO IS TEAR OUR PANTS, NOT SHAVE... THIS IS GONNA BE A BREEZE! HA, HA!
AND A FEW DAYS LATER, THE TWO MEN BEGAN THEIR PLAN OF LOSING THEIR IDENTITIES...
PHEW, DIS STINK IS KILLIN' ME! I'D RATHER GO BACK INTO MY HOLE AND SWEAT! ANYTHING BUT THIS!
LET THESE NOSEY APES THINK WE'RE OUT OF WORK OR SOMETHING! NOW JUST SHADDUP!

US OP
HI, BABY! DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT?
THAT DEPENDS, MISTER!
C'MON, NITWIT! NO DAMES FOR US! YOU WANNA SPILL YER GUTS TO HER AND LAND IN THE CLINK?
BUT, JOEY! I WON'T TELL HER ANYTHING! AW...!

AND SOME-TIME LATER, WITH THE NEIGHBORS ON THE STOOP...
THAT'S RIGHT, MRS WITHERS! WE'RE--UH--TRAVELING SALESMEN...
OH, HERE COMES THAT HORRIBLE BLOATED WOMAN!
SHE OWNS THAT WHOLE BUILDING... NEVER SEEMS TO GET OLD! SHE ONLY USES THE FIRST FLOOR ... KEEPS THE REST BOARDED UP!
YEAH... SHE'S GOT PLENTY O' DOUGH!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
WHY, SHE ALWAYS COMES HOME WITH A WRAPPED UP PACKAGE! WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE GOT MONEY IN IT! PROBABLY BEGS DOWNTOWN!
SHE'S DOWNRIGHT SCAREY! BEST LEAVE HER ALONE!

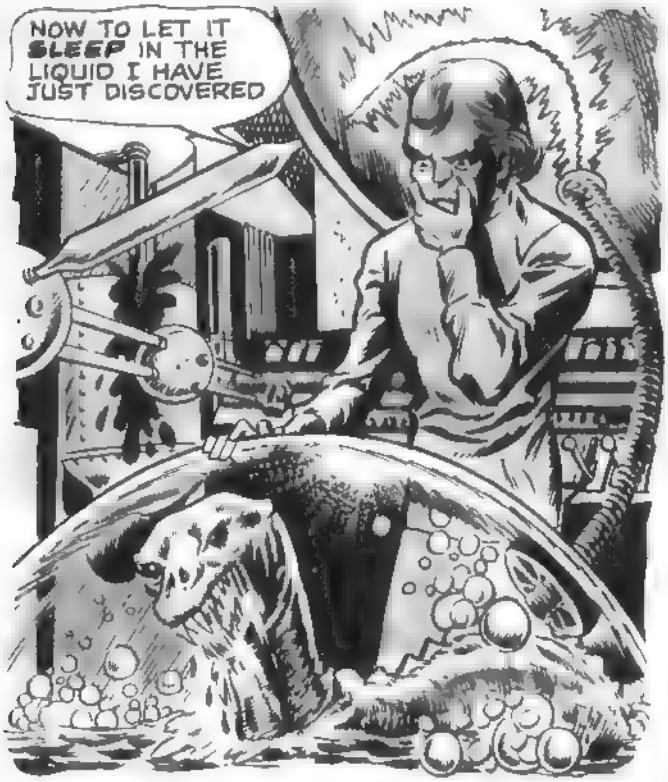
BUT JOEY COULDN'T GET THE BLOATED OLD LADY OUT OF HIS MIND... HE COULDN'T...
SHE'S RICH, HEH? WHATCHA THINK, EH, PETE?
PROBABLY JUST!
HOLY SMOKE! W-WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDED WEIRD!
IT WAS A SCREAM... AND IT CAME FROM THAT OLD BAG'S HOUSE! YOU AND I GOT A DATE WITH HER TOMORROW, PAL!

AND THAT DAWN, THE TWO PARKED THEM-SELVES ON HER DOOR-STEPS...
WE'RE YOUR NEIGHBORS, MA'AM! CAN WE HELP YOU DOWN THE STEPS?
THANK YOU! YOU'RE VERY KIND! SEEMS I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR VOICES AROUND HERE BEFORE!
UH...WE'RE NEW HERE! BUT WE HEARD SCREAMS LAST NIGHT AND THEY SEEMED TO COME FROM YOUR HOUSE!
OH, THAT! JUST MY PARROT! SHE LOVES TO SCREAM! YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HER, SIR!
AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION! NOW I HAVE TO GET TO WORK! EVEN THE BLIND MUST LIVE! HEH, HEH!
SHE DON'T LOOK SO BLIND TO ME! SHE AINT GOT NO WALKING CANE!
BLIND OR NOT, PETE, SHE'S GOT DOUGH! SHE'S A SHREWD BIRD ALL RIGHT! BUT NOT SHREWD ENOUGH! I THINK WE'LL PAY HER A VISIT LATER TONIGHT!

AND WHEN MIDNIGHT CAST ITS CLOAK OF SILENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
THINK SHE HEARD US BRAKE IN THE BACK DOOR?
NAW! AND EVEN IF SHE DID.. SO WHAT? SHE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP US NOW!
LOOK, THERE SHE IS!
AND SHE'S COUNTING HER DOUGH! O.K.! GIVE IT TO HER! IT'S GOTTA BE FAST!
CLANK
HEY!
WHAT TH--!?
CLANK
GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!
HEY... LET US OUTTA THIS MONKEY CAGE! YOU NUTS OR SOMETHING? LET US OUT!
BUT JUST AS THEY STEPPED INSIDE...
OH, NO! I COULDN'T DO THAT! YOU'D CHEAT ME OUT OF A MEAL... AND THEY WOULD THINK I'M NOT CAPABLE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? JUST GET US OUTTA HERE! WE WON'T TOUCH YOUR MONEY!
MONEY? IS THAT WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR? OH... HOW FOOLISH! HEH, HEH! IT'S RAW BEEF! I EAT BEEF EVERY DAY! I NEED THE BONES!
HE HE

THE WATCHERS ON MY PLANET PUT ME HERE...ON THIS WORLD, BECAUSE I'M A CRIMINAL! YOU SEE, I DISLIKE EATING HUMAN MEAT THERE...AND SO THEY'RE PUNISHING ME! I HAVE TO EAT YOU POOR CREATURES AND SAVE YOUR BONES! WHEN I FILL MY QUOTA, THEY'LL LET ME RETURN!
SHE'S NUTS! STARK RAVING NUTS!!
I'M GETTING OUT! RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T CARE WHAT SHE OR IT DOES!
I'M AFRAID YOU GENTLEMEN MISUNDER ME! YOU CAN'T LEAVE HERE! YOU CAN'T EVER LEAVE HERE!
BLAM BLAM
EEEAARR
The End

THE BLOODY THING!
FROM THE SPINE-CHILLING SLEEP OF A LIVING DEATH, FROM THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE HORROR OF A MILLION YEARS AGO, FROM A FORGOTTEN ICE-CAVE DEEP IN THE TOMB OF THE EARTH COMES THE MONSTROUS TERROR OF..
DR MARVELLE, THE WORLD'S MOST BRILLIANT EXPLORER AND SCIENTIST, TOOK THE DINOSAUR BACK TO HIS SECLUDED LABORATORY IN VERMONT! IN SECRECY, HE TINKERED WITH THE STAGGERING SECRETS OF LIFE...



But WHEN DR. MARVELLE CAME INTO THE LAB THE NEXT MORNING, HE FELT THE HAND OF HORROR TOUCH HIS TINGLING SPINE...

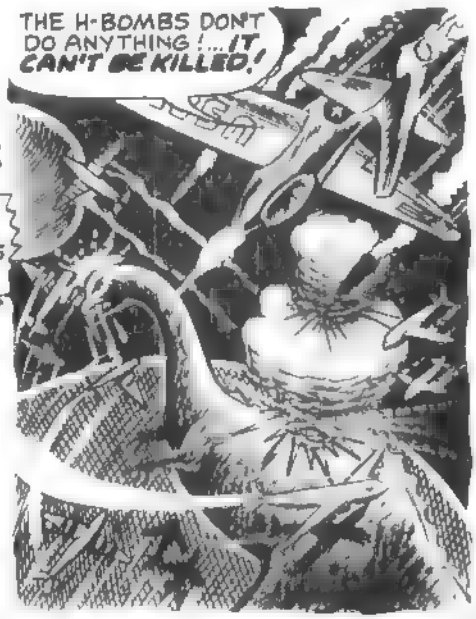
SPURRED BY TERROR, DR MARVELLE WORKED ALL DAY TO FIND A FORMULA THAT WOULD KILL THE DINOSAUR... BUT THAT NIGHT...
GRAAAOOW!
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T KILL THE MONSTER I'VE CREATED! WHAT'S THAT AGAINST THE SKY... NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE!...!

SCREE

IT'S COMING BACK HERE... HELLO... OPERATOR! GIVE ME THE POLICE... EMERGENCY... I'VE GOT TO RUN... IT'S COMING NEARER!
GGAR

ULP! I--I DON'T BELIEVE IT... IT'S GROWING RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!
THE BULLETS JUST BOUNCE OFF OF IT! WE'LL HAVE TO EVACUATE THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR MILES AROUND!
IT'S USELESS! WE NEED ARTILLERY! CALL THE ARMY!
RRAT-TAT
BAM

DEATH HELD A PARTY... THE HIDEOUS FREAK GREW!! ALL OF VERMONT WAS HIDDEN BY THE BEAST... AND STILL IT GREW!!
NEWS FLASH! U.S.A. IN GRIP OF TERROR! STOCK MARKET CRUMBLES!
FLASH! UNITED NATIONS SAY ALL NATIONS TO HELP KILL DINOSAUR!


THE H-BOMBS DON'T DO ANYTHING!... IT CAN'T BE KILLED!

THE FLUID I DISCOVERED WON'T WEAR OFF! THE MONSTER CAN'T STOP GROWING!
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The WEIGHT OF THE HUGE ANIMAL KNOCKED THE EARTH OUT OF ITS ORBIT AND SENT IT WHIRLING TOWARD THE SUN...AND DESTRUCTION !!

WE'RE FLYING -- ***INTO THE SUN!*** WE'LL ALL BE DESTROYED! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE TAMPERED WITH THE ***PROBLEMS OF LIFE...*** AND DEATH!

BARRROOOOOOOM!

HELP! HELP!... HUH? WHEWWW! IT WAS JUST A .. ***DREAM!*** BUT I'M GOING RIGHT DOWN TO THE LAB AND ***DESTROY*** THE DINOSAUR... ***JUST IN CASE!***

DIZZY WITH HORROR, MARVELLE FOUND THE LAB EXACTLY THE WAY IT WAS...IN THE ***NIGHTMARE!***

IT... CAN'T... BE...

A HUGE FOOTPRINT! NOW IT'S REAL!!!

GRROOOWWR

THE END

YOU'RE CAUGHT ON A ROAD THAT LEADS TO MURDER--AND FROM MURDER TO A...

GRUESOME SHOCK!

OH--JIM, OLD MAN! WE DON'T SEE YOU! WE JUST WANTED TO WISH YOU A HAPPY VACATION AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
ARE YOU GOING TO YOUR COUNTRY LODGE AGAIN, MR. TRENT?
THANKS... YES, MRS. TRENT AND I SHOULD BE THERE BY TOMORROW EVENING!

YOU'RE TOUCHED BY YOUR STAFF'S REMEMBERANCE! YOU HARDLY EXPECTED THEM TO GATHER AROUND YOU LIKE THAT, AND YOU COME HOME WITH A GOOD FEELING..
REAL NICE OF THEM! YES, SIR-- REAL NICE--!

YOU'RE HOME JUST IN TIME, DEAR! EVERYTHING'S PACKED!
HI, SWEETIE-PIE! WE WAITED FOR YOU!

WHY--GOING SOMEWHERE? AREN'T YOU GOING TO WISH ME A HAPPY BIRTHDAY?
OH, SURE... DUMPLING! BYE--BYE-- AND DON'T WAIT UP! TEDDIE AND I HAVE BEEN INVITED AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND!

SO YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE... AND YOU AND YOUR WIFE ARE LEFT ALONE...
THEY HARDLY HEARD YOU, JIM! CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY COULD BE SO INDIFFERENT!
THEY MEAN WELL, DEAR!

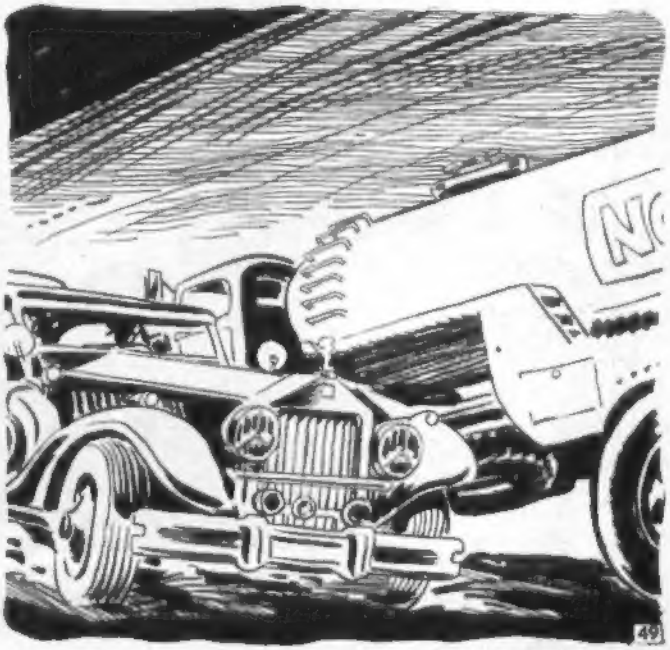
THE NEXT MORNING, YOU AND MADELINE WAIT FOR PARKINS, YOUR CHAUFFEUR, TO BRING THE CAR AROUND THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE, AND...
OH, MY! I--I THINK I FORGOT MY KNITTED SCARF!
NEVER MIND THAT! HURRY IF WE WANT TO MAKE THE LODGE BY EVENING!

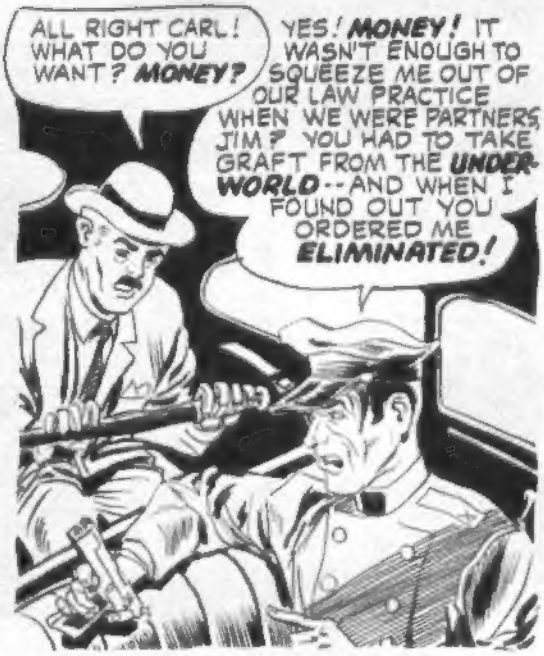
THE CAR SWINGS OUT ON THE ROAD. THE WIND AND THE SMELL OF SPRING ARE IN YOUR FACE! AND YOU FEEL GREAT, UNTIL--
THIS ISN'T THE ROUTE TO THE LODGE, PARKINS! YOU MADE A MISTAKE!
PARKINS!

HELLO, JIM! SURPRISED TO SEE ME?

YOU! CARL ANDRO! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE--
--DEAD? OH NO, JIM! YOUR MOBSTERS DIDN'T KNOCK ME OFF FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! THEY WERE CARELESS AND I ESCAPED! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!

YOUR CHAUFFEUR WASN'T MUCH TROUBLE! I GUESS HE'S HEARD OF GUNS BEFORE! HE LOOKED GOOD TIED UP IN YOUR GARAGE...AND NOW...
THAT TRUCK! WATCH OUT!





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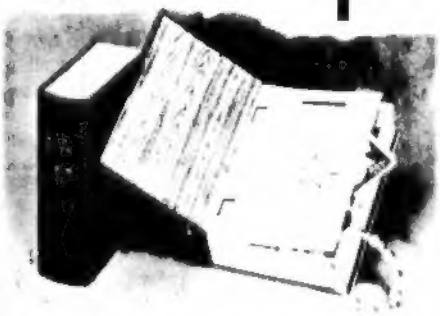

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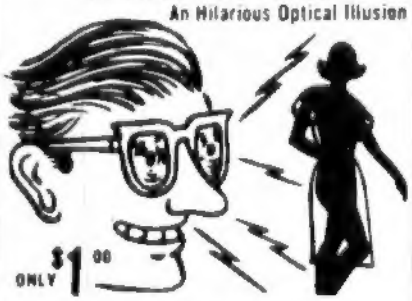

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I--I'LL DIS-APPEAR OUT OF YOUR LIFE --PLEASE-- ARGHH-H!
YOU'LL DISAPPEAR ALL RIGHT!

--RIGHT--OUT-- OF--THIS--WORLD!
SMASH

IT'S DONE! ANDRO'S BODY RELAXES IN YOUR GRASP! MADELINE NOW CALLS OUT TO YOU IN A BREATHLESS VOICE FROM THE LODGE ENTRANCE!
TAKE HIM INTO THE FOREST! I'LL OPEN THE DOOR!
NO! HE MIGHT BE SEEN OUT THERE! BEST THING TO DO IS TO BURY HIM... IN THE CELLAR! GET THAT LOCK OPEN!

AND YOU CARRY HIM IN...
...CAN'T SEE A THING, JIM! IS IT HEAVY?
'COURSE IT IS! WHAT A TIME TO ASK SILLY QUESTIONS! HERE--HELP ME GET HIM TO THE CELLAR DOOR!

WAIT'LL I PUT ON THE SWITCH! NOW WHERE IS THAT THING?
HURRY, WILL YOU? I--I CAN'T TOUCH IT MUCH LONGER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
THE END